

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A guide rail for use in an elevator system, comprising:
a first material body having a nose portion;
a second material secured to at least some of the nose portion, wherein the second material comprises steel; and
an insulating layer between the nose portion and the second material, the insulating layer comprising a fiber mesh.
2. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 1, wherein the second material establishes a covering that extends along an entire longitudinal length of the guide rail covering at least some of the nose portion.
3. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 1, wherein the second material comprises a steel sheet that is shaped to conform to the nose portion and including a bonding agent between the steel sheet and the nose portion.
4. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 1, wherein the nose portion includes at least one recess and the second material has a portion extending at least partially into the recess.
- 5-6. Cancelled.
7. (Currently Amended) The guide rail of ~~claim 6~~claim 1, wherein the mesh comprises a glass fiber fabric.

8. (Previously Presented) A guide rail for use in an elevator system, comprising:
 - a first material body having a nose portion;
 - a second material secured to at least some of the nose portion; and
 - a bonding agent adhesively securing the second material to the nose portion.
9. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 8, wherein the bonding agent comprises at least one of an adhesive or concrete.
10. (Previously Presented) A guide rail for use in an elevator system, comprising:
 - a first material body having a nose portion; and
 - a second material secured to at least some of the nose portion, wherein the nose portion has a guiding surface on opposite sides of the nose portion and a braking region near an end of the nose portion and wherein the second material is only on the braking region of the nose portion and the first material is exposed along a remainder of the guiding surfaces of the nose portion that does not include the second material.
11. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 10, wherein the second material is a covering that comprises a steel sheet extending over the braking region on each side of the nose portion.
12. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 11, wherein the covering extends along an entire longitudinal length of the nose portion.
13. (Canceled).

14. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A method of providing a guide rail in an elevator system, comprising:

forming a rail body using a first material that comprises aluminum;

covering at least a portion of the rail with a second material that comprises steel;

installing the rail body in a hoistway; and

subsequently moving a tool along the installed rail body to secure the second material covering in place.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, including forming an elongated clip comprising the second material and subsequently placing the clip over the corresponding portion of the rail body.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, including forming some of the second material to extend into at least one recess on the rail body.

17. Cancelled.

18. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, including using an automated robot that climbs the rail.

19. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A method of making a guide rail for use in an elevator system, comprising:

forming a rail body using a first material;

covering at least a portion of the rail body with a second material; and

securing the second material to the rail body using a bonding agent that adhesively secures the second material to the rail body.

20. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A method of making a guide rail for use in an elevator system, comprising:

forming a rail body using a first material;

covering at least a portion of the rail body with a second material; and

forming the rail body to have a generally planar base and a nose portion and orienting the nose portion at an oblique angle relative to the base such that parallel and oppositely facing sides of the nose portion are oriented at the oblique angle relative to the generally planar base.

21. (Previously Presented) The guide rail of claim 1, wherein the first material comprises aluminum.